In the Claims:

1-2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) A method comprising:

receiving data corresponding to an image, the image including a depiction of text;

recognizing at least some of said depicted text; and

encoding a watermark in said image, said watermark serving to associate said image with said recognized text.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3 in which said recognizing includes recognizing by an automated OCR process.

6-7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously Presented) A method of augmenting image data collected by a security monitoring camera, comprising:

analyzing a frame of image data from said security monitoring camera for text information depicted therein; and

digitally watermarking said image data;

wherein said digital watermark associates the image data with the text information.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8 wherein the frame of image data includes a depiction of a vehicle license plate, and said text information comprises text on said license plate.

10. (Previously Presented) A method comprising:

receiving an electronic document, the document comprising a graphical

representation of text, but not including ASCII data corresponding thereto;

analyzing said document for text information using an OCR process; and

digitally watermarking said electronic document;

wherein said digital watermark associates the electronic document with the text information.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10 in which the electronic document comprises FAX data.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10 in which the electronic document comprises a PDF document.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10 in which receiving an electronic document comprises scanning a paper document on a platen, and producing graphical data corresponding thereto.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10 wherein said digital watermark directly encodes the electronic document with at least some of said text information.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10 that includes storing the text information in a data repository, and wherein the digital watermark associates the electronic document with said information in the data repository.

16. (Previously Presented) An apparatus comprising:

a scanner for producing scan data corresponding to an original document;

an OCR engine for recognizing text from said scan data; and

a watermarker that alters an output from said apparatus to encode a watermark therein, the watermark serving to associate said output with said stored text.

17. (Amended) ~~A photocopier~~ **An apparatus** according to claim 16 wherein the output comprises a hardcopy page, and said watermark serves as a pointer to a memory location in which said recognized text is stored.

18. (Amended) ~~A photocopier~~ **An apparatus** according to claim 16, wherein the output comprises a hardcopy page, and said watermark serves to directly encode at least a portion of said recognized text in said output.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3 that includes storing said recognized text in a data repository, and wherein said watermark serves as to associate said image with said stored text.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3 wherein said watermark serves to directly encode at least a portion of said recognized text in said image.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Amended) The method of claim 8 **that includes storing said text information in a data repository, and** wherein said digital watermark indicates the location of the stored text information in said data repository.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3 in which said encoding follows said recognizing.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8 in which said analyzing comprises performing an OCR process on said depicted text information.

25. (New) The method of claim 8 wherein said digital watermark is essentially imperceptible to human viewers of image data collected by the security monitoring camera.